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Wheeling Resident Convicted on Firearms Violation

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 42 year old Wheeling, West Virginia, resident was convicted by a federal trial jury on August 28, 2008, after a two and one-half day trial in United States District Court in Wheeling before Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that ROOSEVELT SIMMONS was convicted of one count of felon in possession of ammunition on November 4, 2007, in Wheeling, after having been previously convicted of the offense of Aggravated Assault, in Columbiana, Ohio. Potter stated that “On November 4, 2007, the defendant fired multiple shots through the closed doors of his neighbors’ apartments. Both apartments were occupied at the time, but no one was injured. The incident occurred at the Eagle Court Apartments in the North Park section of Wheeling. The charge stemmed from that incident.”

SIMMONS, who is in custody pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; and the Moundsville Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri.